

**Decision on reservation in IITs**

1998. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for reservation in favour of OBCs for the IIT admission from 2007-08;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to make such a reservation in favour of the minority community;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons for such a discrimination against minority community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A Bill in respect of Central Educational Institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), has been introduced in Parliament.

**Shishu Mandirs in the country**

†1999. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of Shishu Mandirs in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the total number of boys and girls seeking education in these Shishu Mandirs;

(c) whether Shishu Mandirs receive any kind of Government assistance; if not, where from they meet their total expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Information regarding the number of "Shishu Mandirs" in the country is not centrally maintained by this Ministry. No assistance is provided by this Ministry to "Shishu Mandirs".

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.